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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF FARMERS WATER  
CO., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION,  
FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE  
CURRENT FAIR VALUE OF ITS  
UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY  
AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES  
AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY  
SERVICE.

DOCKET NO. W-01654A-13-0267

**NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT  
OF PUBLICATION OF CUSTOMER  
NOTICE AND AFFIDAVIT OF  
MAILING OF CUSTOMER NOTICE**

Farmers Water Co., through undersigned counsel, hereby files its Notice of Filing Affidavit of Publication of Customer Notice and Affidavit of Mailing of Customer Notice.

Background: On August 2, 2013, Farmers Water Co. filed an Application for a rate increase. In its Procedural Order dated September 12, 2013 ("Procedural Order"), the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") scheduled a hearing to be held regarding the Application on May 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's Tucson offices. Pursuant to the Procedural Order, Farmers Water Co. was required to provide public notice of the hearing ("Notice") as set forth therein. Specifically, Farmers Water Co. was required to publish the Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory, such publication to be completed no later than November 30, 2013. In addition, Farmers Water Co. was ordered to mail to each of its customers a copy of the Notice by November 30, 2013.

Pursuant to the Procedural Order, Farmers Water Co. published the Notice in the October 16, 2013 edition of the *Green Valley News and Sun*. A copy of the Affidavit of

1 Publication from the *Green Valley News and Sun* is attached as Exhibit 1. In addition, on  
2 November 15 and 20, 2013, Farmers Water Co. mailed a copy of the Notice to all its  
3 customers. A copy of the Affidavit of Mailing of Customer Notice signed by Dan Fahy is  
4 attached as Exhibit 2.

5 DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2013.

6 MUNGER CHADWICK, P.L.C.

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9 Robert J. Metli  
10 2398 E. Camelback Road, Suite 240  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Attorneys for Farmers Water Co.

11 ORIGINAL and thirteen (13) copies filed  
12 this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2013, with:

13 Docket Control  
14 Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

16 COPY of the foregoing mailed/hand-delivered  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2013, to:

17 Lyn Farmer  
Hearing Division  
18 Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

20 Janice Alward  
Legal Division  
21 Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
22 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

23 Steven M. Olea  
Utilities Division  
24 Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
25 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

26 By 

## **Exhibit 1**

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF ARIZONA**

**:SS.**

**COUNTY OF PIMA**

)  
) TERRY MOTYCKA being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Public Notices Manager of the **GREEN VALLEY NEWS and SUN**, a newspaper published every Sunday and Wednesday in the County of Pima, State of Arizona, and of general circulation in said County, and that the hereto attached

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was printed and published in the regular and entire issue of said **GREEN VALLEY NEWS and SUN** for 1 issue(s); that the first was made on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, 2013 and the last publication thereof was made on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013; that said publication was made on each of the following dates, to-wit:

10/16/2013

Request of (L) DAWN MARTZ, EXECUTIVE OFFICE MANAGER  
FARMERS WATER CO.

**green valley news  
and sun**

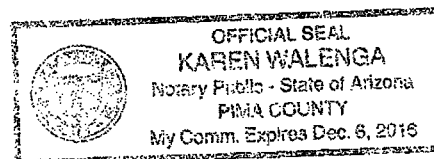
By:

*Terry Motycka*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16TH day of OCTOBER, 2013

*Karen Walenga*

Notary Public in and for the County of Pima, State of Arizona  
My Commission Expires: DECEMBER 6, 2016



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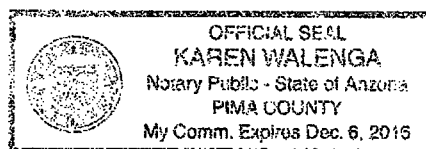
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING  
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On August 2, 2013, Farmers Water Company ("Farmers" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in annual revenues of \$186,159, or 22.68 %, from \$820,815 to \$1,006,973. Under the rates as proposed by the Company, a residential water service customer with a 5/8 x 3/4 inch meter, and an average monthly usage of 5,334 gallons, would expect to see a monthly increase of \$2.97, or 18.33 %, from \$16.19 to \$19.16. A customer's bill depends on meter size and how much water is used each month. A customer with a larger meter and/or using less or more than the average would experience a smaller or larger increase.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation regarding the Company's rate proposal, and the Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final rates approved in this docket may be lower or higher than the rates described above.

**How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal**

If you have any questions concerning how the Company's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact the Company at: Farmers Water Co., 1525 E. Sahuarita Road, PO Box 7, Sahuarita, AZ 85746, (520) 879-7474, [info@farmerswaterco.com](mailto:info@farmerswaterco.com). Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at the Company's offices; the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona; the Commission's Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona; and on the internet via the Commission website ([www.azcc.gov/](http://www.azcc.gov/)) using the e-docket function.

**Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning May 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona, 85701. Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. W-01654A-13-0267 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

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1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself.
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**ADA/Equal Access Information**

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Shaylin Bernal, E-mail [SABernal@azcc.gov](mailto:SABernal@azcc.gov), voice phone number 602/542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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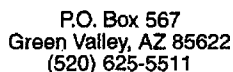
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BILLED ACCOUNT NAME AND ADDRESS		REMITTANCE ADDRESS		4	PAGE #	5	BILLING DATE
Farmers Water Co. Attn: Dawn Martz PO Box 7 Sahuarita, AZ 85629		Green Valley News & Sun P.O. Box 567 Green Valley, AZ 85622 (520) 625-5511			1		10/16/13
				6	BILLED ACCOUNT NUMBER		
					4103		
				7	ADVERTISER/CLIENT NUMBER		

☐ AMEX   
 ☐ DIS   
 ☐ MC   
 ☐ VISA

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN UPPER PORTION WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

DATE	NEWSPAPER REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION-OTHER COMMENTS/CHANGES	SALE SIZE BILLED UNITS	TIMES RUN RATE	GROSS AMOUNT	NET AMOUNT
		Previous Balance			\$-	\$-
10/16/13	LEGGVN	Public Notice of Hearing of the Rate Application of Farmers Water Co. Docket No. W-01654A-13-0267	15.75		\$85.84	\$85.84
				TAX	\$1.72	\$1.72
				TOTAL	\$87.56	\$87.56
		Insertion Dates:				
		10/16/2013				
		PAID 10/29/13				

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AGING OF PAST DUE AMOUNTS

CURRENT NET AMOUNT DUE	22	30 DAYS	60 DAYS	90 DAYS	*UNAPPLIED AMOUNT	23	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
							\$87.56

# Green Valley News & Sun

P.O. Box 567 • Green Valley, AZ 85622  
(520) 625-5511

**\*UNAPPLIED AMOUNTS ARE INCLUDED IN TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

ADVERTISER INFORMATION							
1	BILLING PERIOD	6	BILLED ACCOUNT NUMBER	7	ADVERTISER/CLIENT NUMBER	2	ADVERTISER/CLIENT NAME
			4103				Farmers Water Co.



## **Exhibit 2**

# POSTNET

CREATE • DUPLICATE • DELIVER

15990 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd Suite 150 | Sahuarita, AZ 85629 | T:520-300-5404 | az148@postnet.com

surf

November 20, 2013

sort

Dawn Martz  
Farmers Water Co.  
Executive Office Manager  
P.O. BOX 7  
1525 E. SAHUARITA RD.  
SAHUARITA, AZ 85629-0007

copy

Ms Martz:

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This is to certify that 2455 letters were assembled, posted and sealed. 2440 of them were delivered to the Postmaster at the Sahuarita (85629) Substation at 2:00 pm on this date.

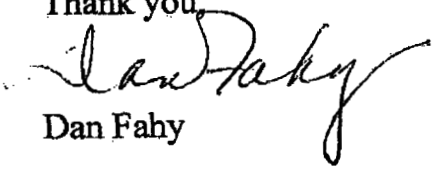
Fifteen (15) were posted with International postage and sent last Friday, November 15, 2013.

bind

Attached are the Invoices for the project, a copy of the Form 3602-EZ showing the postal stamp as accepted on this date.

fax

Thank you,

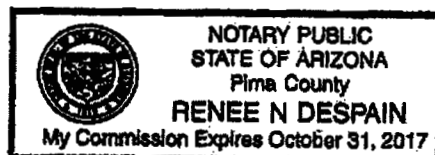
  
Dan Fahy

pack

State of Arizona  
County of Pima

ship

This document was sworn / attested to and signed on November 20, 2013 at Sahuarita, Pima County Arizona.



  
Notary

My Commission Expires: 10/31/17

United States Postal Service

# Postage Statement—Standard Mail-Easy Nonautomation Letters or Flats

Post Office: Note Mail Arrival Date & Time  
(Do Not Round-Stamp)This form may be used only for a single nonautomation price mailing of identical-weight pieces. Use PS Form 3602-R for all other regular Standard Mail mailings. Checklists and other tools for mailers are available on the Postal Explorer website at [pe.usps.com](http://pe.usps.com).

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	<b>PostNet AZ148</b> 15990 S Rancho Sahuarita Blvd. Sahuarita, AZ 85629					300.5404
<b>COPY</b>						
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Certification	The mailer's signature certifies acceptance of liability for and agreement to pay any revenue deficiencies assessed on this mailing, subject to appeal. If an agent signs this form, the agent certifies that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the mailer and that the mailer is bound by the certification and agrees to pay any deficiencies. In addition, agents may be liable for any deficiencies resulting from matters within their responsibility, knowledge, or control. The mailer hereby certifies that all information furnished on this form is accurate, truthful, and complete; that the mail and the supporting documentation comply with all postal standards and the mailing qualifies for the prices and fees claimed; and that the mailing does not contain any matter prohibited by law or postal regulation. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits information requested on this form may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including fines and imprisonment.					
	Privacy Notice: For information regarding our Privacy Policy visit <a href="http://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a>					
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	I CERTIFY that this mailing has been inspected for each item below if required: (1) eligibility for postage prices claimed; (2) proper preparation (and presort where required); (3) proper completion of postage statement; (4) payment of annual fee; and (5) sufficient funds on deposit (if required)					
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See reverse side of this form for complete Postage section

**POSTNET****INVOICE**

PostNet AZ148  
15990 S Rancho Sahuarita Blvd  
Suite 150  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629-8020

Phone: (520)300-5404

Fax: (520)300-5415

Invoice Number: 73,718

Date: 11/20/2013

**Bill To:**

**Billing Terms:** Due upon receipt

**PO:** Dawn Martz

FICO  
1525 E. Sahuarita Rd  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

**Customer:** FICO

**Reference Number:** 5207912852

Quantity	Description	Price	Extended
2,455	Printing-Custom Notification Letter in	0.09	220.95
2,455	Folding / Machine	0.03	73.65
2,455	Mail Merge - per Name	0.06	147.30
1	Labeling- Labor	30.00	30.00
2,455	Stuffing per Envelope	0.02	49.10
1	Bulk Mail - Handling Fee	40.00	40.00
1,916	Bulk Mail - Local	0.294	563.30
524	Bulk Mail - Other Zip codes	0.312	163.49
1	Bulk Mail - Endicia Imprint	40.00	40.00
		Sub Total	1,327.79
		Tax	26.29
		Amount Due	1,354.08

Legal Mailing for the Farmer's Water Company

US Postal Rates are Subject to Surcharge